



The Year of Tubman

We have declared 2017 the Year of Tubman! We invite you to tour the visitor center and attend numerous family-friendly events through out the year. Check back with us for an updated calendar of events!

Cost

Entrance to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Park and Visitor Center is **free** of charge.

Meals

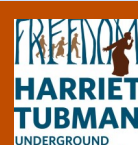
Food and drinks are not available at the park. The town of Cambridge, approximately 12 miles away, offers a plethora of dining options.

Accessibility

The visitor center is compliant with the American with Disabilities Act.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact us via phone 410-221-2290 or email htursp.dnr@maryland.gov



Larry Hogan, Governor
Mark Belton, Natural Resources Secretary

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Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center

Grand Opening Information & Weekend Events



Experience Harriet Tubman from a Different Perspective

On March 11-12, 2017, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center opens to the public to immerse visitors in Tubman's world through informative, evocative and emotive exhibits.

The Visitor Center

The visitor center is the premier feature of the park and includes state-of-the-art green elements such as bio-retention ponds, rain barrels and vegetative roofs. It houses the exhibit hall, museum store, information desk, research library and restrooms. A short video introduces the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Scenic Byway. An immersive display explains how the landscape of the Choptank River region shaped her early years and the importance of her faith, family and community. The exhibit also features Tubman's work as a freedom fighter, humanitarian, leader and liberator.

Additional Features

Outside the visitor center, a three-quarter mile walking path through the legacy garden offers a place for quiet reflection and meditation. Further appreciate the life and legacy of this great American heroine by attending a ranger-led program or exploring additional sites along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway.

The 17-acre park, adjacent to the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, is also home to a 2,600 square foot open-air picnic pavilion with a stone fireplace and serving area.

Weekend Event Information

As you tour the exhibit hall and explore the park, we invite you to participate in a number of family-friendly programs throughout the weekend.

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Saturday, March 11, 2017

Meet Harriet Tubman



Re-enactor Millicent Sparks performs her interpretation of Tubman and her monumental life. Discover new aspects of the lady of honor!

Time: 9 to 10 a.m.

Location: Front of the grand opening tent

Harriet Haikus & Creative Writing Workshop



National Park Service Centennial Poet Laureate, Dr. Sonia Sanchez, presents her award-winning Harriet Tubman haikus and leads a creative writing workshop. Prepare to be inspired and get creative!

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Visitor center multi-purpose room

A Walk with Tony Cohen



Historian Tony Cohen of the Menare Foundation leads a simulated Underground Railroad journey. Combining artifacts and knowledge of the landscape, his tour around the legacy garden reveals escape secrets used by Tubman and other freedom seekers. Come along and discover the skills and knowledge such a journey would have required.

Times: 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m.

Location: Front of the grand opening tent

Games Enslaved Children Played

Learn from park rangers the significance and history of games that enslaved children played and create your own piece of art to remember the park's inaugural weekend.

Time: Noon to 4 p.m. This program is on-going; feel free to arrive anytime.

Location: Back of the grand opening tent

Junior Ranger Program

Does your child have what it takes to be a Junior Ranger? Join park rangers for an educational activity and find out. Participants get a souvenir hat to take home.

Time: Noon to 4 p.m. This program is on-going; feel free to arrive anytime.

Location: Back of the grand opening tent

Conversations with a Ranger: Talking Tubman

Meet other guests and engage in a ranger-led conversation. Topics include why Araminta Ross changed her name to Harriet Tubman, what skills made her a successful Underground Railroad conductor, and the importance of community to enslaved people.

Time: 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Visitor center multi-purpose room



Sunday, March 12, 2017

Meet Harriet Tubman



Re-enactor Millicent Sparks performs her interpretation of Tubman and her monumental life. Discover new aspects of the lady of honor!

Time: 9 to 10 a.m.

Location: Front of the grand opening tent

Bound for the Promised Land: Portrait of an American Hero



Dr. Kate Clifford Larson, the visitor center's historical consultant, will present her book *Bound for the Promised Land: Portrait of an American Hero*. Learn new information and hear about her research methods to uncover new facts. Dr. Larson will be signing copies of her book.

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Front of the grand opening tent

The View North



Chris Elcock, Senior Associate at GWWO, Inc., Architects, the team behind the design of the Visitor Center will present *The View North*. Discover the hidden symbolism in the building and surrounding landscape.

Time: 1 to 2 p.m.

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